

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the preceding amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1-7, 10, 13-18, 21, 24-32, 35-39, 42-46, 49-53 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 10, 13, 21 and 24-27 are amended, and claims 8-9, 11-12, 19, 29, 22-23, 33-34, 40-41, 47-48 and 54-55 are cancelled. By this Amendment, no claims are added. Claims 1, 10, 13, 21, and 24-27 are independent claims.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-55 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Ando et al. (U.S. Patent 7,054,545, hereinafter “Ando”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons detailed below.

The Examiner asserts that Ando discloses “a clip information area storing at least one clip information file, each clip information file being associated with at least one stream file stored in a data area, the clip information file providing a map for the associated stream file” recited in claim 1. The Examiner asserts that “[t]he definition of a clip is an audiovisual stream” and that “the audiovisual stream is stored in a data area (112).” Based on this, the Examiner asserts Ando discloses “a clip information area” as recited in claim 1.

Applicants disagree. Rather, Ando is directed towards the recording, editing and playing back of audio information. In particular, Ando is directed towards the recording and playback of audio information consistent with both the DVD specification and Audio Recording specification as mentioned in column 1, lines 44-48. As shown in FIGS. 1-3 of Ando, the data area 112 includes the management information recording area 130, the VR_MOVIE object recording area 131, the AR_STILL picture object recording area 132, the AR_AUDIO object recording area 133 and the AR_REAL-TIME text object recording area

134. As such, the management information recording area 130 includes management information relating to each of the VR_MOVIE object recording area 131, the AR_STILL picture object recording area 132, the AR_AUDIO object recording area 133 and the AR_REAL-TIME text object recording area 134.

In contrast, the “clip information area” within the meaning of claim 1 is directed to an area separate from a data area. In other words, the “clip information area” of claim 1 is not an audiovisual stream (as alleged by the Examiner), but rather an area separate from a data area (or an area storing “audiovisual streams”), and the “clip information area” includes at least one clip information file, and the clip information file provides a map for the associated stream file. Applicants submit that Ando does not disclose this feature.

Although Applicants do not agree that Ando discloses the “clip information area” as required by claim 1, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the features of dependent claims 8 and 9. Specifically, the Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite, inter alia, “the playitem...providing duration information for display of each still picture indicated for reproduction...wherein the duration information includes still mode information and still time information, the still mode information indicating whether to display the still picture for one of a finite and an infinite period of time, and the still time information indicating a length of time to display the still picture when the still mode information indicates to display the still picture for a finite period of time.” Applicants submit that Ando does not disclose this feature.

Therefore, Ando cannot anticipate claim 1. Applicants have amended independent claims 10, 13, 21 and 24-27 to include features similar to amended claim 1, and therefore are patentable for at least the same reasons stated above, as well as their own merits. The remaining dependent claims are likewise allowable over Ando for at least the same reasons.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection of claims 1-7, 10, 13-18, 21, 24-32, 35-39, 42-46 and 49-53 under U.S.C. § 102(e) be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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